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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to religious student groups at public institutions of higher education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 173, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new  
2 section, to be known as section 173.004, to read as follows:

**173.004. 1. No public institution of higher education shall take  
2 any action or enforce any policy that would deny a religious student  
3 group any benefit available to any other student group based on the  
4 religious student group's requirement that its leaders or members  
5 adhere to its sincerely held religious beliefs or standards of conduct.**

**6 2. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:**

**7 (1) "Benefits", including, but not limited to:**

**8 (a) Recognition;**

**9 (b) Registration;**

**10 (c) The use of facilities of the public institution of higher  
11 education for meetings or speaking purposes;**

**12 (d) The use of channels of communication of the public  
13 institution of higher education;**

**14 (e) Funding sources that are otherwise available to any other  
15 student group in the public institution of higher education;**

**16 (2) "Public institution of higher education", any college or  
17 university established pursuant to chapter 172, chapter 174, chapter  
18 175, sections 178.631 to 178.640, or sections 178.770 to 178.891.**

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